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Town council holds year-end session

The Kewanna town council held a special session Monday evening, December 29, to conduct year-end business.

Bev Ton paid a brief visit to thank town superintendent, Mike Molitor, and his assistant, Danny Chew, for their efforts in removing tree limbs blocking her driveway.

Appropriation transfers in the 2008 budget were approved as was a resolution designating meeting dates for 2009. The council will continue to meet the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the town hall, unless otherwise advertised. As the first Thursday in January is New Year's Day, the January session will be held the 8th of the month.

Claims to be paid out of the 2008 budget were approved for payment.

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Small Business Counseling

Fulton County small business owners and entrepreneurs can learn more about operating their own business by attending confidential counseling sessions provided by the regional Small Business Development Center. Through an arrangement with the Fulton Economic Development Corporation (FEDCO), this service is free to Fulton County residents. A business counselor can help current and prospective business owners with business plans, marketing, arranging financing and growing a business.

A counselor is available the second Wednesday of each month at the FEDCO office, 822 Main Street, Rochester. To schedule an appointment for January 14 call 574-223-3326.

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MEETING CHANGE

Due to the New Year's holiday, the Kewanna town council has rescheduled its first meeting for 2009 from Thursday, January 1, to Thursday, January 8. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the town hall and it is open to the public.

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Attend Church This Sunday

The News In Brief

U.S. Senator Evan Bayh said last week that he will reintroduce legislation to create a medical registry for military personnel exposed to toxic chemicals, guaranteeing them access to priority care at VA hospitals.

The government reports that new claims for unemployment benefits rose more than expected the week proceeding Christmas week. According to the report, consumers also cut back on their spending for the fifth straight month.

The Fulton County Public Library board of trustees has awarded a contract for building a new branch library at Leiters Ford to D&C Construction Company of South Whitley. Work on the new facility could begin as early as next week.

Secretary of State Todd Rokita plans to seek legislation that would expand the use of vote centers, which allow voters to cast their ballots at any county voting site instead of traditional precinct polling places. Reportedly, vote centers can save counties money by allowing election officials to staff fewer polling places on Election Day.

Icy roads and fog created havoc again in Northern Indiana, causing accidents and fender benders in spite of many road closings. In Elkhart County, officials closed roads and warned motorists that they would be arrested if found out and about.

Six states – Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia, are working with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to clean up 475 miles of the Ohio River that is sometimes unfit for swimming because of sewage.

The American Red Cross will be having a blood drive at Pulaski Memorial Hospital in Winamac January 7 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Interested donors should call 574-946-2193 from 8 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday to register.

Governor Mitch Daniels has warned Indiana lawmakers not to come in to the upcoming legislative session with pricey wish lists. Due to the sagging economy and flat revenue collections, there will be less money to spend in the state's next two-year budget.

Indiana University and Purdue University are considering raising admission standards to attract top students and enter the upper class of public schools in the U.S.

A stretch of State Road 16 east of Twelve Mile is scheduled to widened and resurfaced beginning in 2010.

Prenatal classes will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on consecutive Thursdays, Jan. 8 through Feb. 5, in the Pulaski Memorial Hospital conference center. There will be a breast feeding class from 7 to 9 p.m. on Feb. 12. To register, call 574-946-2193 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you deliver at PMH, there is no charge for the classes.

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Holiday tourney at Caston

Caston High School will host the Community State Bank holiday tourney this Friday and Saturday, January 2 and 3.

Culver will take on Triton at 6 p.m. Friday, followed by Caston and LaVille at 7:30 p.m.

The consolation game will be played at 6 p.m. Saturday, followed by the championship match up.

Tickets will be sold at the door only at a cost of $5 for a single session or $8 for an all session ticket.

An all tourney team consisting of six players will be selected, along with a most valuable player.

Community State Bank is headquartered in Royal Center with branches in Kewanna and Twelve Mile.

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Recycling Dates
Fri., Jan. 2nd; Thurs., Jan. 15th & 29th

Town & Country Chatter...

by: Julie Brown (574) 653-2451

Rain, freezing rain, sleet, snow, ice, thunderstorms, flooding, tornado watches, sub-zero temperatures and temperatures in the upper 50s throughout the year is understandable, but all of it within one week! That is even strange for northern Indiana. Mother Nature is really upset with someone!

Carol Broda hosted a small dinner gathering recently for a few of her neighbors. Joining her for a meal of liver and onions were Bunny and Nub Brogdon, Barb and Tom LaFollette and Maryellyn and Hugh Tennent.

Ellen Walsh hosted her family's Christmas gathering Sunday, Dec. 21. There were 31 members of the family in attendance.

Don and Pauline Scales had a visitor Monday, Dec. 22. Stopping by around noon to deliver groceries and other necessities was their son, Bruce Scales. He timed his visit just right and was able to join them for lunch.

Lori Leach had a busy day Monday. Staying with her throughout the daytime hours were her grandsons, Ethan and Zain Williams. In the evening, her granddaughters, Lauren and Amanda Evers, came for an overnight visit.

Pauline and Don Scales had holiday visitors Tuesday, Dec. 23. Arriving in the evening for a family chat and to deliver Christmas gifts were their granddaughter and her family, Cindy and Greg Wiese and Ally.

Barb Hieber and JoAnn Tsoodle traveled to LaPorte Wednesday, Dec. 24. They were Christmas guests of Barb's daughter and her family, Sue and Ed Janes and Tom and Joe Wilk. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful visit and lots of good food and homemade cookies.

Karen Kruger of Brownsburg was a Christmas Eve houseguest of her daughter and family, Lori and Gene Harding, Annabelle and Graham, in Mishawaka. In the evening they dined at the Studebaker Mansion and attended midnight mass at Notre Dame.

Helen Miller left Wednesday for a four-day holiday visit as a houseguest of her son and daughter- in- law, Kenneth and Barbara Miller of Plymouth.

Barb and Jon Gast and Angela hosted their family's Christmas gathering Wednesday. Their guests for dinner and a visit were Barb and Jon's children and their spouses Rick and Belinda Weller of LaPorte, Randi and Steve Neidig of Bourbon and Cora Lynn and Howard Clemans; their grandchildren and their families, Chad and Deb Weller, Tyler and Cody, of Rolling Prairie, Brent Wagoner of Warsaw and Shelby of Etna Green, Kim and Justin Jenkins, Brendan, Riley and Katelyn, of Leiters Ford and Doug and Kara Sutton, Ethan and Owen, of Goshen; Larry and Bev Baldwin; Laurie and Jeff Paulik and Carson of Rochester; and Stephanie Baldwin. Later in the evening, most of the group also visited with Ray and Beth Weller.

Tom and Linda Garner hosted their family's Christmas gathering Wednesday evening. Joining them for supper and a gift exchange were their children and their families Amanda and Don Wassermann, Zach and Mackenzie, of Valparaiso; Missy and Steve Young, Trey, Brianna, Kaylyn and Stevanna, of Twelve Mile and T.J. and Ashley Garner.

Karina and Terry Bohac and Nicholas hosted their family's Christmas celebration Wednesday evening. Their guests for dinner and a gift exchange were Karina and Terry's daughter and her family, Shelby, Duva and Eli, and Karina's parents, Tom and Barb LaFollette.

Jackie Heidenreich was a Christmas Eve guest of her granddaughter and her family, Jennifer and Marcus Kay, Ellei and Ema.

Helen Whiteman hosted her annual Christmas Eve oyster and chili soup supper Wednesday evening for all those of her family who were able to attend.

Send In Your News

"Happy New Year"

Clubs Societies Personals

John Lincoln to celebrate 75th birthday

John Lincoln, Kewanna, will be the guest of honor at a 75th birthday celebration Saturday, January 10, at 6 p.m. at the VFW in Winamac. Friends and family are invited to help him celebrate the occasion with a dinner. The only gift requested is the gift of your presence.

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Chicken Bash to finance 6th grade music trip

The Caston sixth grade performing arts class will be a demonstration group for the IMEA/MENC North Central Division Convention to be held January 23 at the Indiana Convention Center in downtown Indianapolis. Members of the Indiana Music Educators Association (IMEA) and members of the Music Educators National Conference (MENC) North Central Division will attend the convention. The MENC North Central Division includes the states of Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin. Approximately 2,000 music educators will be in attendance.

The Caston sixth grade performing arts class will be demonstrating in a session led by Dr. Ryan Hourigan from Ball State University and James Bryn, the Caston band director. Dr. Hourigan is an assistant professor of music education at Ball State. He specializes in instrumental music education and music education of students with special needs.

The students will demonstrate how they learn to play their band instruments using a sound before sight method. In other words, they learn to play songs on their instruments before they read the written music notation.

A Haps Chicken Bash is being held January 13 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. to support the trip. Tickets can be purchased from the Caston Elementary Office at 574-857-3025 or from James Byrn, 574-857-3505, ext. 325.

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LOCALS

Brian and Kandi Evers, Lauren and Amanda, hosted their annual Christmas Eve open house for family and friends. Among the many in attendance were Brian and Kandi's parents, Leonard and Nancy Evers and Lori Leach. During the evening, Santa Claus made an appearance.

Jerry and Kay Brown hosted a large family gathering Christmas Day. Their guests for dinner and a lot of visiting were their sons and daughters- in- law, Kerry and Karen Brown of Lawrenceburg, Mark and Mick Brown and Mike and Kathie Brown; their daughters and their families of Rochester, Sue and Mike McKinney and Molly and Angie and Tom Smith, Leighnee, Kaelee, William and Aidan; their grandchildren and their families, Jason and Britni Brown of Hawaii, Lindsay and Adam Loehmer and Michael C. Brown of Winamac, Jessica Brown of Star City, Kyle McKinney of Muncie and Ted and Faith Brown, Chloe and Barrett; and Kay's mother and sister, Mary K. Williamson and Rita. In the evening they were joined by their grandson and his family, Steve and Brenda Fox and Griffin.

Guests of Mark and Kelly Smith, Lindsey, Kara and Zachary, Christmas Day included Joe and Karen Good, Daniel and Andrea Baker and Ryan and Leslie Baker.

Don and Pauline Scales received holiday telephone calls from their nephew and his wife, Keith and Doris Foutz of Illinois; their daughter, Ellen Heiden of Columbia City; and their granddaughter, Jaime Heiden of Auburn.

Helen Whiteman was a Christmas Day guest of her grandson and his family, Doug and Robin Whiteman, Taureen, Zach and Dougie, at Winamac.

Janice Hogan hosted the Hogan family Christmas celebration Thursday. Her guests for dinner and a lot of visiting were her daughters and their families, Stephanie and Mike Malchow, Kaitlyn and Lucas, of Rochester, Jaime Smith and Madison of Monticello and Wendy Smith and Jonathan Shock, Haley and Bella; her mother, Florence Hogan; her brother, Mike Hogan; her sisters and brothers- in- law, Wendy and Dan Kelly of Lafayette and Alice and Darrell White of Winamac; her niece, Kristin Federer of Chicago, Illinois; her niece and husband, Sarah and Michael McLeary of Indianapolis; and her nephew, David White.

Jackie Heidenreich was a Christmas Day guest of her son and daughter- in- law, Roger and Brenda Vogel at Rochester.

Kerry and Karen Brown were overnight houseguests of Kay and Jerry Brown Thursday.

Karen Kruger was a weekend houseguest of her mother, Mary K. Williamson at Winamac.

Jon and Barb Gast and Angela were in Winamac Friday, Dec. 26. They were visitors of Jon's parents, Stuart and Rachel Gast.

Romayne Wentzel was a holiday weekend houseguest of her daughter and son- in- law, Carol and Chris Holmquest at Munster. The Holmquests hosted their Christmas celebration with 17 members of their family in attendance.

Dave and Maria Evers hosted the Evers family Christmas celebration Saturday, Dec. 27. Over 30 members of the family were able to attend.

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Class Dates: January 13, 20, 27
Class Time: 1-3 pm
Location: Woodlawn Hospital Ambulance Garage
Cost: $10 (for series)
Instructors: Jean Herd, FNP-CS, Maureen Neeley, FNP-C, & Betsy Wolfe, Dietitian

Woodlawn Hospital Rochester — Indiana
RSVP by January 6th to Karla Meyer, RN, Coordinator of Diabetic Education at 574-224-1268.
Our diabetic support group meets every second Thursday from 1 p.m.- 2 p.m. in the Woodlawn Hospital Boardroom.

HOSPITAL NOTES....

WOODLAWN HOSPITAL

December 19

Births – Jamie Steiner, Rochester, a son

December 22

Admissions – Shyann Griesinger and Brenda Belton, Rochester

Dismissals – Faith Brown and son, Kewanna; Shyann Greisinger and Jamie Steiner and son, Rochester

December 23

Admissions – Linda Dilling, Kewanna; Charity Blevins, Akron

Dismissals – Brenda Belton, Rochester

December 24

Admissions – Shane Kreft and Jacquelyn MacLain, Rochester;

Dismissals – none published

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DEATHS .....

RALPH F. HAMMAN

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Sunday, December 28, at Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Home, Kewanna Chapel, for Ralph F. Hamman, 85, Monterey. Pastor Glen Meyers officiated. Burial, with military rites, will be at the Riverside Memorial Cemetery, Monterey, at a later date. Mr. Hamman passed away Wednesday, December 24, 2008, at the Richard L. Roudebush Veterans Hospital, Indianapolis.

Born December 20, 1923, in Kewanna, he was the son of the late Herbert and Golda (Woolington) Hamman. On December 19, 1962, he married Phyllis I. Hopkins who survives.

A 1942 graduate of Kewanna High School, Ralph was a World War II Army veteran and a member of the American Legion No. 319, Monterey, and the VFW No. 6919, Culver. He enjoyed fishing, mushroom hunting and playing cards.

He formerly owned and operated Monterey Lumber Company, retiring in 1987 after 26 years.

Survivors besides his wife include four sons, Kenny Hamman and his wife, Sue, Winamac, Brian Hamman and his wife, Carolyn, Culver, Tony Bean and his wife, Twyla, Monterey, and Kevin Bean, Logansport; one daughter, Kim Mitch and her husband, Jack, Yorktown; one brother, Ronald Hamman, Kewanna; two sisters, Ruth Talbott, Kewanna, and Betty Frazie, Fort Wayne; eight granddaughters; six grandsons; two great-granddaughters; and six great-grandsons. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Mary Rachel (Galbreath) Hamman in 1960; a daughter, Connie Conley; a grandson, Christopher Conley; two sisters, Lucille Newcomer and Ginger Good; and two brothers, Herbert "Bud" Hamman and Robert Hamman.

A visitation was held at the funeral home Saturday evening. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Legion Post No. 319, Monterey. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.harrisonmetzger.com.

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GEROGE R. HOOVER

Services were held at 10 a.m. Monday, December 29, 2008, at Grace United Methodist Church in Rochester for former Kewanna resident, George R. Hoover, 71, Rochester. Pastor Maurice Grindle officiated and burial was in the Kewanna Citizens-IOOF Cemetery. George died at 8:50 p.m. Thursday, December 25, 2008, in the Woodlawn Hospital emergency room.

Born May 22, 1937, in South Bend, he was the son of the late Galen and Meda Pratt Hoover. He was married September 14, 1958 in the Kewanna Methodist Church to Patricia Kumler, who survives.

Mr. Hoover was vice president for Indiana Lawrence Bank, formerly Farmers and Merchants Bank, Rochester, retiring in 1998. A 1955 graduate of Kewanna High School, he was a member of Grace United Methodist Church in Rochester.

Surviving besides his wife are one daughter, Jennie Carey and her husband Charles of Plymouth; one son, Jeffrey Hoover and his wife Joy of Peoria, Illinois; three grandchildren, Alec Carey, Plymouth, and Katie Howard and Elle Hoover, Peoria, Illinois. He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Joan Johnson, and a brother, Roy Hoover.

A visitation was held at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, Sunday afternoon. Memorial contributions may be made to Grace United Methodist Church. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to goodfamily@rtcol.com.

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DEANE J. PETERSON

Funeral services were conducted at 1 p.m. Tuesday, December 30, at the Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Home, Kewanna Chapel, for Deane J. Peterson, 83, Lake Bruce. Rev. Steven McPeek officiated and burial, with military rites, was in the Moon Cemetery, Kewanna. Mr. Peterson died at 5:15 a.m. Friday, December 26, 2008, at his residence.

Born October 8, 1925, in Pulaski County, he was the son of the late Justice J. and Ruth (Bitterling) Peterson. He was married June 30, 1948, to Anajean Young, who survives.

A 1944 graduate of Monterey High School, he was a veteran of the U.S. Army and an avid deer hunter. Mr. Peterson retired in 1989 from General Transfer Company in Rochester.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Don L. Peterson and his wife, Jovy, Kewanna and Dwight R. Peterson and his wife, Venita, Winamac; a daughter, Vivian A. Peterson, Kewanna; nine grandchildren, Daniel J. Peterson, James Peterson, Rendall Lawson, Joshua Lawson, Kori Peterson, Blayne Peterson, Jenny Peterson, Joemer Peterson and JeeAnne Peterson; and one great-grandchild, Quintin Peterson. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Wayne and Verl Peterson, and two sisters, Fern Mitchell and Eileen Adams.

A visitation was held Monday evening and one hour prior to the services at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Hospice, P.O. Box 621, Rochester, IN 46975. Online condolences may be sent to www.harrisonmetzger.com.

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Mission center/homeless shelter needs help

Emmaus Mission Center in Logansport is seeking organizations and individuals to volunteer at its thrift shop and also needs donations for its homeless shelter, girls home and food pantry.

Anyone interested in sorting thrift shop donations may call 574-739-0731.

Items needed at the shelter and thrift shop include paper products, cleaning and laundry supplies, personal hygiene items, copier paper, stamps, envelopes, cold and flu medicines, cough drops, cereal bowls, silverware and food supplies of any kind. These items can be dropped off at the mission center, 805 Spencer Street, Logansport. Emmaus serves Cass County and the surrounding counties, including Fulton.

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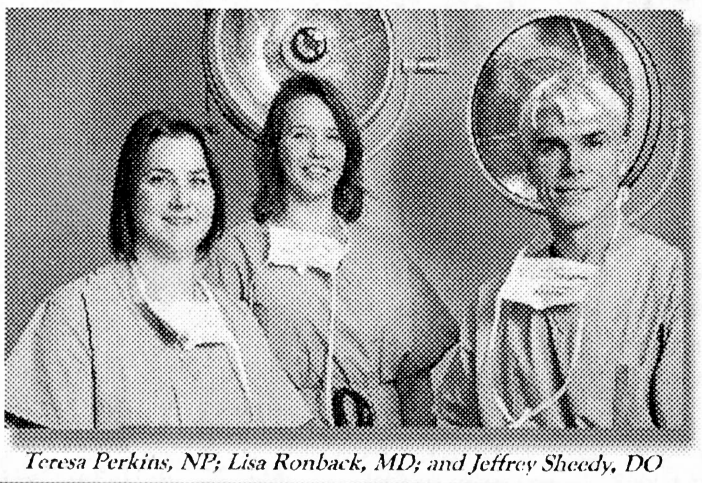
Orthopedic Surgeon, Jeffrey Sheedy, joins the team at Rochester Orthopedics

Jeffrey Sheedy, D.O. joined Rochester Orthopedics on December 1st. Dr. Sheedy left his private practice in Plymouth to join orthopedic surgeon Dr. Lisa Ronback and Nurse Practitioner Teresa Perkins. As a team, both doctors and their patients gain the benefits of a combined practice especially with Dr. Ronback's fellowship in upper extremity and Dr. Sheedy's sports medicine fellowship.

Dr. Sheedy grew up in Chicago and played basketball for the University of Alaska. He earned his Doctorate of Osteopathic Medicine in June of 1997 from Midwestern University, Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine in Downers Grove, Illinois. Also while there, he completed his internship as well as his orthopedic surgery residency. In 2003, he served a sports medicine fellowship at Lake Tahoe Orthopedic Institute.

Dr. Sheedy, his wife and children were drawn back to the Midwest to be near family and are happy to be part of the Rochester Community. He is especially looking forward to joining forces with Dr. Ronback.



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Looking Back.....

SIXTY YEARS AGO
December 30, 1948

Billy Worl, age 8, a student at Kewanna, was hit by a car Wednesday afternoon as he disembarked from a school bus at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rans, a quarter of a mile north of Kewanna on State Road 17. The driver of the car was Meredith Flory of Logansport. Billy suffered bruises and abrasions.

A slippery road was blamed for the head-on collision of a truck and a car 3 ½ miles southeast of Grass Creek yesterday morning. The truck belonged to the REMC which had been called out to repair an electric line. The car was driven by Robert Rance, Rt. 2, Kewanna. Those involved received cuts and bruises but did not require hospitalization.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Gunter, Grass Creek, have received word that the body of their son, Pfc. Raymond Gunter, is enroute home. He was killed in action in Germany on Easter Sunday, April 1, 1945.

Mrs. Harriet Stoudt, Kewanna, was named by Judge Pro-Tem Seldon J. Brown as administrator of the estate of her father, the late Clyde Elston.

FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
January 1, 1954

A culprit entered the Van Meter Implement Store Monday night or early Tuesday morning by smashing a window in the rear of the store. According to Elmer Seidel, manager, nothing was missing unless it was a small amount of gasoline.

Mrs. Lizzie Monosmith Tugendrich, who lives near here, will observe her 90th birthday Tuesday. She is the former Lizzie Guise and was born north of Lake Bruce. Her first marriage was to Charles Monosmith, who is deceased. Her second marriage was to William Tugendrich. The Tugendrich family ran a store in Kewanna many years ago.

The St. Ann's Social Club held a Christmas party recently in the home of Mrs. Kerry Walsh with Mary Murtha and Mrs. James Ware as co-hostesses. The door prize went to Helen Crist. Guests were Father Remaklus, Enid Barnett, Helena Shine, Ellen Walsh and Gertrude Hiland.

Lt. and Mrs. James Collins and family of Dayton, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. John Collins and sons of Columbus, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Biesen of Highland, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hendrickson and family and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Collins were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Collins.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Clyde, Kewanna, are the parents of twins, a boy and a girl, born at Woodlawn Hospital Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Masteller are the parents of a son born Monday, December 21, in Woodlawn Hospital.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
January 1, 1959

The Kewanna Fire Department was called to the home of Robert D. Miller, Rt. 1, Kewanna, Christmas Eve to extinguish a roof fire caused by a spark from a chimney. The damage estimate was $25.

Mrs. Minnie Smith, 85, Kewanna, widow of Howard Smith, died Christmas Day at Woodlawn Hospital where she had been a patient for five days.

Don Foglesong, Kewanna, is again confined to his home with a bad leg.

Sp/4 Theodore Ness arrived here Christmas Eve to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ness, Rt. 2, Kewanna. After a 30-day leave he will report for further duty at Ft. Lewis, Washington.

Mace Kahler and daughter Essie have bought the David Hudkins property and will move there some time after the first of the year.

FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
January 2, 1964

Mrs. Pearly Belle Woods, 74, Kewanna, died at 7:20 p.m. Saturday in Woodlawn Hospital after a lingering illness. Services were held in the Harrison Funeral Home with Rev. Larry Bennett, pastor of the local Church of Christ officiating.

Richard Kumler has returned to the submarine U.S.S. Odax, based at Charleston, S.C., after a Christmas leave spent with his family here.

Sp/4 James Crist arrived home Saturday night from Stutgart, Germany, where he spent 18 months serving with the Military Police. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Crist, met him at O'Hare Airport.

Cheryl Worl, daughter of Mrs. Helen Worl of Kewanna, has been named to the symphonic band at Manchester College. Cheryl is a graduate of Kewanna High School and a senior English major at Manchester.

Mr. and Mrs. James Glassman, Rt. 1, Kewanna, observed their 63rd wedding anniversary Friday, Dec. 27.

Millie Cunningham, Grass Creek, is confined to her home with illness.

Pack No. 351 enjoyed a Christmas party and meeting Monday, Dec. 23. Mike Clyde and Kevin Smith of Den No. 4 carried in flags. Tommy Hickle received his Wolf Badge and Mrs. Ousley, a new den mother, was presented with a training certificate.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
December 28, 1978

Bruce Rainey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dorsie Rainey of Kewanna, has been named to the Dean's List at the University of Tennessee at Martin for the fall quarter.

Rodney Hall was named to the Midland Athletic Conference

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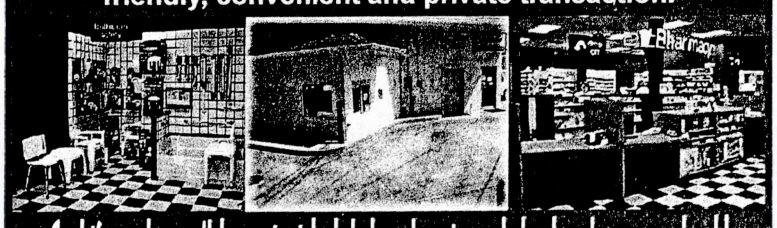
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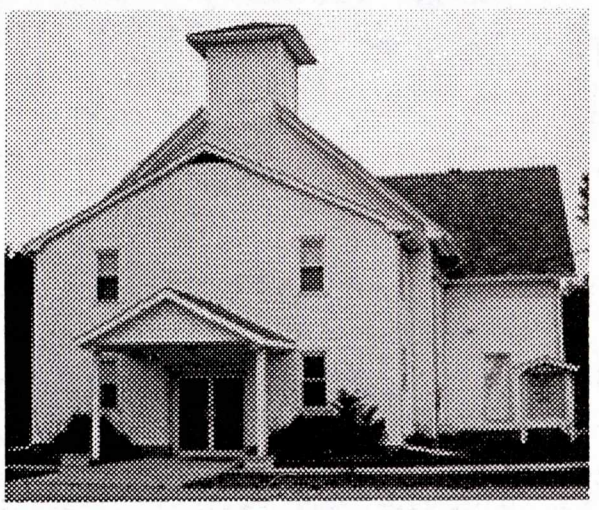
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tourney team after last week's MAC tourney which was won by Marion Bennett.

The Kewanna girls' basketball team lost the Midland Athletic Conference tourney championship game Friday night to Huntington Catholic, 39-37. Deana Baldwin was high scorer for Kewanna with 21 and Cheryl James added 11. Deana Baldwin and Judy DeWitt were named to the all-conference tourney team.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Young of Winamac are the parents of a daughter, Jennifer JoAnn, born Dec. 22. The mother is the former Cindy Fisher. The couple has a son, age 4. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fisher of here are the maternal grandparents.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
December 29, 1988

The Kewanna-Union Township Fire Department was called to the Kenny Swafford residence in Kewanna at 1:20 p.m. Saturday. Smoke was pouring from all windows when the fire department arrived on the scene. The exact cause of the fire is still under investigation, but Fire Chief Larry Baldwin said it apparently started from an overheated wood stove. No one was at home at the time of the fire.

Air Force Staff Sgt. Edwin J. Lynch has been awarded the Good Conduct Medal at Tinker Air Force Bake in Oklahoma. Lynch is married to the former Terri Hamman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Hamman of Kewanna.

S/Sgt. and Mrs. Del Carpenter and daughter of Beaufort, S.C., were holiday guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hudkins and her grandmother, Mrs. Dora Hudkins.

TEN YEARS AGO
December 31, 1998

Linda Kowal has joined the staff at the Kewanna branch of Indiana Lawrence Bank, transferring here from the Rochester bank. Linda's husband, Richard, grew up near Kewanna. The couple has two children, Richie, age 15, and Amanda, age 12.

Spring and Russell French, Kewanna, are the parents of a daughter, Emily Ann, born Thursday, Dec. 24, in Pulaski Memorial Hospital.

Bill and Brenda Plummer, Kewanna, are the parents of a daughter, Hanna Marie, born Monday, Dec. 28, in South Bend Memorial Hospital.

Matt Dickerson of Indianapolis was recently elected president of the Student Senate at Wabash College. Matt, a junior, is the grandson of L. O. and Mary Robinson of Kewanna.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 28, in the Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna Chapel, for Michael E. Hamman, 43, Kewanna. Rev. Todd Wilson officiated and burial was in the Kewanna Citizens-IOOF Cemetery.

ONE YEAR AGO
December 27, 2007

Jeff and Laurie Paulik, Rochester, are the parents of a son, Carson Jeffrey Paulik, born Dec. 18 at Woodlawn Hospital in Rochester. Larry and Bev Baldwin, Kewanna, are the baby's maternal grandparents.

Kenneth and Barbara Miller of Plymouth hosted their family's Christmas gathering Monday. Among their many guests was his mother, Helen Miller, of Kewanna.

Helen Whiteman hosted her annual chili and oyster soup dinner for her family Sunday. Most of her children and their families were in attendance.

Jackie Heidenreich enjoyed celebrating Christmas as a dinner guest of her granddaughter and her family, Tina and Tony Pesaresi, Garrett, Cale and Curtis, Monday evening.

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Christian Nonfiction— *Father & Son* by Walter Jr. and Matthew Wangerin.

General Fiction Unabridged Audiobooks— *We are All Welcome Here* written and read by Elizabeth Berg, on 4 cassettes and 6 hours in length; *The Ice Queen* written by Alice Hoffman, read by Nancy Travis, on 4 cassettes and 6 hours in length; *The Yada Yada Prayer Group gets Down* written by Neta Jackson, read by Barbara Rosenblat, on 6 cassettes and 10 hours in length; *The Year of Fog* written by Michelle Richmond, read by Carrington MacDuffie, on 10 cassettes and 13 hours in length; *The Choice* written by Nicholas Sparks, read by Holter Graham, on 6 cassettes and 9 hours in length; *High Plains Tango* written by Robert James Waller, on 6 cassettes and 9 hours in length; and *Crawfish Mountain* written by Ken Wells, on 12 cassettes and 16 hours in length.

JUVENILES:

Picture Books— *Dinosaur vs. Bedtime* by Bob Shea.

Youth Christian Fiction— *Homecoming Queen* and *Viva Vermont* (#3 and #4 of the Carter House Girls series) by Melody Carlson and *Danika's Totally Terrible Toss*, *Just Call Me Kate*, *Yuzi's False Alarm* and *"T" is for Antonia* (#1-#4 of the Secret Keeper Girl series) by Dannah Gresh.

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EARTH TALK

Questions & Answers About Our Environment

Dear EarthTalk: Is it true that some baby bottles contain chemicals that can cause health problems for babies? If so, how can I find alternatives that are safer? *-- Amy Gorman, Berkeley, CA*

No links connecting specific human illnesses to chemicals oozing out of baby bottles have been proven definitively. Nonetheless, many parents are heeding the call of scientists to switch to products with less risk. A 2008 report by American and Canadian environmental researchers entitled "Baby's Toxic Bottle" found that plastic polycarbonate baby bottles leach dangerous levels of Bisphenol-A (BPA), a synthetic chemical that mimics natural hormones and can send bodily processes into disarray, when heated.

All six of the leading brands of baby bottles tested—Avent, Disney/The First Years, Dr. Brown's, Evenflo, Gerber and Playtex—leaked what researchers considered dangerous amounts of BPA. The report calls on major retailers selling these bottles—including Toys "R" Us, Babies "R" Us, CVS, Target, Walgreens and Wal-Mart—to switch to safer products.

According to the report, BPA is a "developmental, neural and reproductive toxicant that mimics estrogen and can interfere with healthy growth and body function." Researchers cite numerous animal studies demonstrating that the chemical can damage reproductive, neurological and immune systems during critical stages of development. It has also been linked to breast cancer and to the early onset of puberty.

So what's a concerned parent to do? Glass bottles are a tried-and-true chemical-free solution, and they are widely available, though very breakable. To the rescue are several companies making BPA-free plastic bottles (out of either PES/polyamide or polypropylene instead of polycarbonate). Some of the leaders are BornFree, thinkbaby, Green to Grow, Nuby, Momo Baby, Mother's Milkmate and Medela's. These brands are available at natural foods stores, directly from manufacturers, or from online vendors.

Most of the major brands selling BPA-containing bottles are now also offering or planning to offer BPA-free versions of their products. Consumers should read labels and packaging carefully to make sure that any product they are considering buying says unequivocally that it does not contain the chemical.

Unfortunately, switching to a BPA-free bottle is no guarantee the chemical won't make its way into your baby's bloodstream anyway. BPA is one of the 50 most-produced chemicals in the world. According to the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), it is used in everything from plastic water jugs labeled #7 to plastic take-out containers, baby bottles and canned food liners. It is so omnipresent that the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) has found that 95 percent of Americans have the chemical in their urine.

Also, nursing mothers—especially those who haven't discarded their old BPA-containing Nalgene water bottles—may be passing the chemical along through their breast milk. And if that weren't enough, BPA is also used in the lining of many metal liquid baby formula cans. The nonprofit Environmental Working Group (EWG) has posted email links to the consumer affairs offices of the major formula manufacturers so concerned parents can ask them to remove BPA from their product offerings and packaging.

CONTACTS: Baby's Toxic Bottle Report, www.chej.org/documents/BabysToxicBottleFinal.pdf; NRDC, www.nrdc.org; CDC, www.cdc.gov; EWG, www.ewg.org.

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Those Genes Need a Bath!

If your parents or grandparents had heart disease, you may believe your fate is sealed because of your genes.

That may not be so.

Lifestyle choices may actually reduce the chance of repeating your family's history of poor health, according to a concept that is picking up steam in the medical community.

According to Dr. David Rakel, director of integrative medicine at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, a concept known as "epigenetics" empowers people to take control of their health by making choices that may override their genetic code.

Rakel says behavior and environment can affect how those genes are "expressed," that is, how the information in a gene gets translated into proteins.

"Epigenetics means 'around the gene' or if you will, the soup in which we bathe our genes that is determined by human choice," he explains. "We are the cooks of our soup that influences if our genes are healthy or diseased."

"For example, if your brother or your dad had prostate cancer, there's probably an area in your genetic code that puts you at high risk for prostate cancer," he added. "Research is telling us even if your family has a history of cancer, there are things you can do to bathe that gene in a way to keep it from expressing itself. This means your genes may produce healthy prostate tissue instead of tissue that is diseased or cancerous."

So what can people do to minimize their risk of cancer, high blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes or other illnesses that may be part of their genetic predisposition?

Rakel says changes in diet, exercise, and personal attitude could actually influence the genetic code and reduce the chances for declining health. While this advice may not seem different from what your doctor says during a routine checkup, Rakel says the concept of epigenetics espouses that lifestyle choices can influence genetic expression.

"We have a choice to bathe our genes with joy, happiness, exercise, and nutritious foods, or we can bathe them with anger, lack of hope, junk food and sedentary lifestyle," he says. "This area of research holds so much potential and gives us the hope to say 'Even if my genes indicate a history of family illness, I can make positive lifestyle choices that can keep a gene from being expressed as a disease.'"

Rakel cites a 2007 review by Dr. Steven Schroeder of the University of California-San Francisco. Schroeder's study concluded that the largest influence on the risk of death in America is attributed to personal behavior, such as smoking, obesity, and stress. The paper adds that, even if top-notch health care were available to everyone, only a small fraction of lives (10 percent) can be saved with these high-tech interventions. The largest reduction in death -- 40%-- will result from the adoption of healthier habits.

"Human attitude has a tremendous influence on health," says Rakel. "If you are happy, you are more likely to go out jogging or adopt positive lifestyle behaviors because you have hope. You see what's good in the world instead of what's bad. If I'm seeing what's bad in the world, I won't have the hope that encourages positive lifestyle choices."

Studies of laboratory rats with a gene that increases the risk of diabetes further build the case for epigenetics. When the pregnant mothers of genetically identical rats who had this gene ate foods that influence gene expression (garlic, beets, onions), their offspring did not develop diabetes. But when mothers were fed a diet that did *not* include these foods, the offspring became obese and developed diabetes. What the mothers ate influenced the expression of genes in their offspring. This and evolving research are teaching us that epigenetic influences leave an imprint on our genetic code that is passed down to future generations.

"If I choose to eat fruits and vegetables versus high-fat foods, if I choose to fill my heart with compassion versus hate and hostility, this can leave a mark in my code that can be passed on," says Rakel. "The question is not who you are now, but who do you want to become? And who do you want your kids and your kid's kids to become? Choices now may influence future generations."

Rakel says epigenetics also advocates less dependence on drugs and greater reliance on recruiting self-healing mechanisms.

"If I have 10 minutes with a patient, I could write them a prescription to lower their cholesterol. But I'm just treating one thing," he says. "If I encourage them to exercise and eat better, I'm doing much more than lowering their cholesterol. I'm reducing their risk of cancer, Alzheimer's disease, diabetes...the list goes on. Epigenetics impacts the whole body, but drugs are geared toward one specific disease."

While Rakel admits it is easier said than done to take an optimistic attitude and change one's behavior, sometimes little things can lead you down the path to better health.

"It could be a matter of forgiving that person who has made you angry for 30 years," he says. "If you can do that, maybe your shoulders feel lighter or that ache in your gut doesn't feel as bad. Maybe you stop getting headaches or neck pain. That's an epigenetic example of how that choice, forgiveness, results in tremendous change in your overall outlook, well-being and physical health.

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CASTON SPORTS SCHEDULE

January 2 – Boys varsity Community State Bank basketball tourney at Caston. Games at 6 and 7:45 p.m.

January 3 – Varsity boys wrestling at Rochester, 9 a.m.; boys JV basketball tourney at Culver, 9:30 a.m.; boys' varsity Community State Bank basketball tourney at Caston. Games at 6 and 7:45 p.m.;

January 6 – 8th grade boys' basketball at Triton, 5 p.m.; 7th grade boy's basketball vs. Triton at Caston, 5:30 p.m.

January 8 – freshmen boys basketball vs. Culver at Caston, 6 p.m.; varsity wrestling at Carroll, 6 p.m.

January 9 – boys JV & varsity basketball at West Central, 6 p.m.

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NIPSCO ANNOUNCES DECREASE IN GAS COST FOR JANUARY

Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) announced that natural gas costs for January 2009 decreased compared to last month. This month's decrease is attributed primarily to a decrease in wholesale natural gas prices as compared to the previous month.

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Public Notice

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Fulton County Drainage Board of the County of Fulton, State of Indiana, will be receiving sealed bids for the Maintenance of the Lucenia Smith Open being a County Drain until 4:00 P.M. E.S.T., Friday, January 9, 2009 at the office of the Fulton County Drainage Board, in the Fulton County Office Building, 125 E Ninth Street-Suite 024, Rochester, Indiana. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud on Monday, January 12, 2009. Any bids received after the above designated time will be returned unopened.

1. This project consists of cleanout and brushing of both sides of the Lucenia Smith ditch plus the open arms, being 34,400 feet of open ditch in Liberty Township 29N, Sections 3,4,5,8,9 & 10, Range 3E, Fulton County, North of Nyona Lake.

2. Lump Sum bids will be received on said project as provided in the instructions to bidders. All bids shall be in full accordance with the bidding documents consisting of this Notice, Instructions for Bidders, Plans, Profiles, and Specifications, including any amendments, additions and/or deletions for which notice is given. All of the above will be filed in the office of the County Surveyor, Fulton County Office Building. Copies are available to contractors at no charge.

3. All proposals or bids shall be addressed to the Fulton County Drainage Board, Fulton County Office Building, 125 E. Ninth Street, Suite 024, Rochester, Indiana, in a sealed envelope marked "Lucenia Smith Open". Bids of $75,000.00 or more shall be properly and completely executed on the State Board of Accounts Form 96 furnished with the bidding documents with the Non Collusion Affidavit thereon properly executed as required by the State of Indiana. Also the bidder shall furnish a financial statement as prescribed by the State Board of Accounts when the aggregate bid is $75,000.00 or more.

4. When the aggregate bid is $75,000.00 or more, the bidder shall deposit with his proposal a **Certified Check** made payable to the Fulton County Drainage Board, or a Bidders Bond payable to said Board in the sum of five percent (5%) of the total aggregate bid. Said bidder shall execute a contract in accordance with his bid if accepted by the Board and failure to do so shall result in the forfeiture of said five percent (5%) **Certified Check** or **Bidders Bond** and also if the successful bidders aggregate bid is $75,000.00 or more he shall be required to furnish a **Performance Bond**, within ten (10) days of notification of acceptance of said bid, in the amount of the aggregate bid payable to said Drainage Board. Said bond shall be provided by a corporate surety licensed to do business in the State of Indiana. Final release from said bond shall be conditioned upon the faithful performance of the contract and payment of all expenses and damages, ensuing therefrom including payment to all subcontractors, labor and material.

5. No bids shall be withdrawn after the opening of the bids for a period of fifteen (15) days after the date set for the opening of said bids.

6. The Fulton County Drainage Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in bidding.

Fulton County Drainage Board of the County of Fulton, State of Indiana by:

Roger D. Rose, Chairman
Richard A. Powell, Vice Chairman
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Donald Towne, Fulton County Surveyor

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RESOLUTION NO. 122908
A RESOLUTION OF THE KEWANNA TOWN COUNCIL ESTABLISHING MEETING TIMES FOR 2009

WHEREAS, the Kewanna Town Council has established that they will meet on the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall, unless the first Thursday falls on an observed holiday, in which case the Town Council will set an alternative date to be advertised according to Indiana Code.

WHEREAS, the Kewanna Town Council has established meeting times as set out under IC 36-2-26 et. seq:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KEWANNA TOWN COUNCIL THAT:

1. The Kewanna Town Council will meet the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall, 308 S. Logan St., Kewanna, unless the first Thursday falls on an observed holiday, in which case the Town Council will set an alternative date to be advertised.

2. Other special meetings will be scheduled and public notice will be given.

ADOPTED THIS 29th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2008

KEWANNA TOWN COUNCIL
Jeff Finke
Mark A. Smith

ATTEST: Jenny Kay, Clerk-Treasurer
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NOTICE OF THE ACTION OF THE FULTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD C B MASTELLAR OPEN CAUSE NO. 19-1968

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The Increase Maintenance Rate Report of the Fulton County Surveyor and the Schedule of Assessments made by the Drainage Board have been filed and are available for public inspection in the office of the Fulton County Surveyor, and a hearing will be held before the Drainage Board on the Schedule of Assessments at 10:00 A.M. local time; Monday, January 12, 2009 in the Commissioner/County Room in the Fulton County Office Building at 125 E Ninth Street, Rochester, Indiana.

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Fulton County ADVERTISING CLAIMS for JAN. 15th, 2008

Anderson Mike C-P-D-J-Inc., 36.53; Association of IN Counties Inc., 2,085.30; B&B Mens Wear Inc., 65.96; Baileys Hardware Inc., 20.00; Berlasty Jeff, 93.28; Bill Morris Excavating Inc., 3,400.00; Bobs Lock & Key Inc., 32.35; Boyce Forms/Systems Inc., 52.00; Burke & Heller, 2,057.41; C&S Outdoor Equipment, 170.20; CDW Government Inc., 2,468.60; CSI-Computer Systems Inc., 8,784.00; Chemsearch, 125.50; Citicard, 277.12; Craig Welding & Mfg Co Inc., 12.10; Dick's Septic Tank Service, 165.00; Duke Energy, 2,668.61; Dulin & Morris Investments, 5,606.00; Emergency Radio Service Inc., 20,711.11; Engineering Aggregates Inc., 30,779.29; Enyarts True Value Hardware Inc., 39.56; First Financial Bank, 419.07; Francesville Drain Tile Corp., 458.50; franger Gas Co Inc., 369.47; Fraternal Order of Police, 150.00; Fulton County Jail Commissary, 146.09; Garver Motors Inc., 269.67; Good Family Funeral Home, 600.00; Good Oil Co Inc., 5,853.63; Great Lakes Chloride Inc., 3,875.90; Hofferth James W & Emcy D, 145.72; Hoffman sara, 65.00; Haley-Aldrich Inc., 1,319.50; Hammel Wrecker Service, 65.00; Hardesty Printing Inc., 25.50; Hartzler Funeral Home, 400.00; Health Professionals LTD, 10,149.90; Herrman & Goetz Inc., 1,864.00; Holloways Electric Motor, 50.00; House of Decor, 816.00; INdigital Telecom, 1,190.00; Indiana Office of Technology, 338.81; Indiana University (SDT), 690.00; Irving Materials Inc., 3,529.16; J & B Electrical Service, 350.00; Keefe Supply Co., 191.52; Kewanna Pro Hardware & Supply, 49.29; Liggins George & Georgia, 8.39; Lake City Bank, 210,500.00; Lee A Christopher, 346.83; Low Associates Inc., 33,412.00; Lowe's Home Center Inc., 602.90; Miller Betty L, 259.62; Morse Sandi, 200.64; Morton Salt Inc., 8,621.68; N A D A Appraisal Guides, 25.00; NIPSCO, 1,389.79; National Academies Of, 20.00; New Holland Rochester Inc., 405.52; North Central Co-Op Inc., 2,880.00; O'Herron Inc Ray, 217.48; Observer, 225.52; Peterson & waggoner, 3,148.18; Pfeiffer Alison, 10.94; Plumlee Maintenance, 1,248.00; Power Brake & Spring Service, 503.64; Purdue University, 75.00; Quality Auto Repair LLC, 129.80; Quill Corp., 2,188.38; Ranstead Richard, 121.92; Rochester Cement Products Inc., 45.00; Rochester Ford Lincoln Corp., 16.61; Rochester Sentinel Corp., 143.94; Rochester Telephone Co., 45.00; Rockhill Pinnick LLP, 15.00; S&T Supply Inc., 968.00; Safety Kleen Systems Inc., 488.82; Shireman Penny, 5.49; Shorter-Pifer-Holli, 382.41; Showley Jill, 226.97; Smith farm store-Rochester, 160.35; Smith Sawyer Smith Inc., 294.00; Speedway Sand & Gravel Inc., 124.23; Steele Wayne, 83.60; T&T Rental, 46.61; The Tire Store, 107.09; Urschel Kevelyn, 10.00; Villalon Rafael, 210.00; WTH Engineering Inc., 4,350.00; Waggoner-Irwin-Scheele, 1,102.50; Waste Management Inc., 141.59; Webbs Electronics/Radio Shack, 9.99; Wells Law Office, 7.33; West Group Payment Center, 1,900.00; Wildman Inc., 372.15; Xerox Corp., 55.65; Zimmerman Bros Funeral Home, 400.00; Zimmerman John, 296.25.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FULTON CO., INDIANA ON DECEMBER 29th, 2008.

DENISE J. CHANDLER
FULTON COUNTY AUDITOR

Pub. 1/1/09

NOTICE OF THE ACTION OF THE FULTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD JACKSON & WAGONER OPEN CAUSE NO. 8-1970

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The Increase Maintenance Rate Report of the Fulton County Surveyor and the Schedule of Assessments made by the Drainage Board have been filed and are available for public inspection in the office of the Fulton County Surveyor, and a hearing will be held before the Drainage Board on the Schedule of Assessments at 9:30 A.M. local time; Monday, January 12, 2009 in the Commissioner/County Room in the Fulton County Office Building at 125 E Ninth Street, Rochester, Indiana.

FULTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD
Roger D. Rose, Chairman
Richard A. Powell, Vice Chairman
Mark J. Rodriguez, Board Member
Don Towne, Fulton County Surveyor

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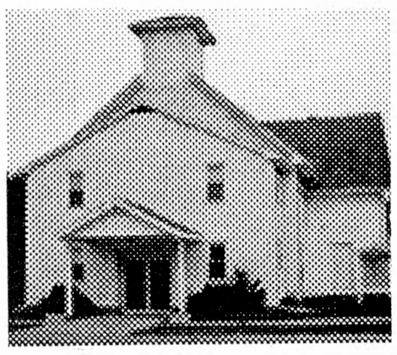
Letter To The Editor



Challenges turned to blessings

Sunday, December 21, brought many challenges, ice storms, sub 0 freezing temps and strong blistering winds. Yet, many enthusiastic citizens of Kewanna braved the severe weather conditions and made the Sunday a.m. service a well-attended, encouraged service. The evening's Christmas candlelight service also was very, very well attended. The resolve and enthusiasm displayed by the citizens of Kewanna and the members of First Baptist on the Main to accept, serve and please the Christ of Christmas has been a good testimony to Kewanna and a wonderful gift of encouragement to the church and myself. There is still a lot of work that must be accomplished here in Kewanna, as we spread the Gospel of Christ and through His strength try to walk the walk that the Christ of Christmas would have us walk. This is why we are encouraging all to come. Let's help each other grow and encourage each other in God's Word as we walk with Him till His return. We will be here! But, we cannot do it alone. We need the encouragement that only you can give through yours prayers, talent, attendance, in your service to the King of kings, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. See you all this Sunday. Thanks again.

Demetrius

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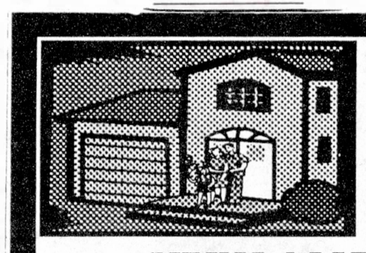

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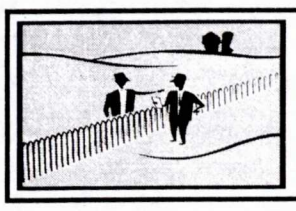

Town & Country CHATTER...

By: Julie Brown (574) 653-2451

Pauline Brown and Julie had holiday visitors over the weekend. Arriving Saturday afternoon for a three- day visit were Pauline's son and his family, Jim and Deb Brown and Clayton of Fairland.

Angela Gast returned to Wake Forest, North Carolina, Saturday following a two- week visit with her parents, Jon and Barb Gast.

Beth and Ray Weller had houseguests over the weekend. Staying with them for a couple of days to attend a family funeral were their daughters, Beth Ann Deckard and Linda Tufts of Lebanon, Ohio.

Leonard and Nancy Evers had holiday houseguests. Arriving Saturday for a few days of visiting were their son and his friend, Bill Evers and Veronica Pardy of Henrietta, New York.

Pauline and Don Scales had visitors Saturday. Coming for a chat and bringing lunch and holiday cards were their daughter and son- in- law, Barb and Doug Grandstaff of Kendallville.

Mary K. Williamson and Karen Kruger had company Saturday. Stopping by in the evening for a visit were Mary K.'s daughter and son- in- law, Kay and Jerry Brown.

Chris and Nita LaFollette, Michele, Michael, Rebecca, Elizabeth and Thomas, of LaPorte hosted the LaFollette Christmas get- together Sunday, Dec. 28. Their guests for dinner, lots of goodies and a gift exchange were Chris's parents, Barb and Tom LaFollette, and his sister and her family, Karina and Terry Bohac, Nicholas, Shelby, Duva and Eli.

Kay and Jerry Brown had callers Sunday. Joining them for breakfast were Karen Kruger and Mary K. Williamson.

Luke Sutton was a Sunday morning visitor of Clayton Brown.

Mildred McColley had a couple of callers Sunday. Coming up for a short visit and to attend a funeral viewing were her son and daughter- in- law, Ron and Karon McColley of Frankfort.

Mathilda Lamb has returned from a two- week stay as a houseguest of her son and daughter- in- law, Wayne and Cathy Lamb at Peru. She was there to recuperate from pneumonia.

Mildred McColley had company Monday, Dec. 29. Joining her for a visit and to attend the funeral of her nephew-in- law, George Hoover, were her son and his family, Steve and Ruth Ann McColley and Matthew of Muncie.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Gavin Hickle and Madison White, Jan. 4; Josh Douglass, Kirk Good, Annie Hurley, Billie Jo Hurley, Andrew Riddle and Madeline Yocum, Jan. 5; Joshua Haimbaugh, Jan. 6; Deb Brown, Joyce Donathen, Pam Evers, Mick Herrold, Bud Leazenby, Ed Mollencupp and Ryan Watson, Jan. 7; Vickie Gupton, Vickie Molitor, Andrew Smith, Seth Studebaker and Tim Wilson, Jan. 8; Alexandria Baker and Scott Oliver, Jan. 9; and Delores Jones, Patty McKinney and Braden Ousley, Jan. 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Rick Weller will be celebrating their wedding anniversary Jan. 8.

Advertising & News Deadline..... Noon on Tuesday!

EASTERN PULASKI MENU
January 5 – 9

Elementary Breakfast

Monday – Cereal, graham cracker, juice and milk

Tuesday – Breakfast pizza, juice and milk

Wednesday – Biscuit with sausage link, juice and milk

Thursday – French toast, juice and milk

Friday – Toaster pastry, juice and milk

Elementary Lunch

Monday – Burrito, cauliflower/broccoli with cheese, pineapple, cookie and milk

Tuesday – Hot dog, celery with peanut butter, applesauce, cookie and milk

Wednesday – Sloppy Joe, corn, pears, cake and milk

Thursday – Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, apple juice, cinnamon roll and milk

Friday – Chicken nuggets, fries, apricots, cheese stick and milk

Middle/High School Lunch

Monday – Spaghetti with meat sauce, cheese breadstick, peas, pears and milk. Choice – salad bar

Tuesday – Hot dog, seasoned fries, grapes, blueberry muffin and milk. Choice – salad bar

Wednesday – Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, cinnamon roll, mixed fruit and milk. Choice – salad bar

Thursday – Stuffed crust pepperoni pizza, green beans, apricots, cookie and milk. Choice – salad bar

Friday – Tacos with salsa, lettuce & cheese, apple crisp and milk. Choice – potato bar

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AREA FIVE MEAL SITE
Kewanna Fire Station

Monday, January 5 – BBQ chicken, cauliflower, corn, pudding, roll and milk

Wednesday, January 7 – Chicken salad, potato/broccoli soup, peas & carrots, applesauce, wheat bread and milk

Friday – Hot dog sandwich, baked beans, mixed vegetables, sliced apples and milk

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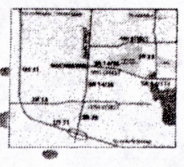

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